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POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

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I. POLICY

Each 24 hour residential program shall provide dental care services for each youth.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to group homes and youth development centers and shall govern the actions of detention centers in complying with applicable sections of DJJPP Chapter 7 (Health Services).

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Chapter 400.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Routine and emergency dental care shall be provided under the direction and supervision of a licensed dentist. A copy of the dentist license shall be obtained each year and kept on file by the facility health authority.
- B. A dental screening for each youth shall occur upon admission by a qualified health care professional or health trained personnel.
- C. The dentist, Registered Nurse or designee shall provide oral hygiene instruction and dental health education within 14 days of admission.
- D. The Registered Nurse or designee shall arrange a dental examination by a dentist licensed in Kentucky within 14 days of admission, at youth development centers only, unless documentation exists of a dental examination within the previous six months or the screening reveals an emergency situation and immediate care is needed. Diagnostic x-rays shall be provided as necessary.

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- E. The Registered Nurse or designee shall arrange a dental examination by a dentist licensed in Kentucky within 60 days of admission, at group homes only, unless documentation exists of a dental examination within the previous six months or the screening reveals an emergency situation and immediate care is needed. Diagnostic x-rays shall be provided as necessary.
- F. Dental treatment as determined by the dentist shall be provided when the health of a youth may otherwise be adversely affected, to include an individualized dental treatment plan, consultation, and referral to dental specialists. The Medical Director or designee shall approve all orthodontic and non-emergency oral surgical procedures for youth
- G. The Registered Nurse or designee shall maintain documentation of all dental procedures in the youth's Medical Record.
- H. All staff shall be responsible for reporting suspected dental problems for appropriate action, including emergency services.
- I. Fluoride toothpaste shall be provided to all youth in DJJ facilities.

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

Monitoring shall be accomplished by the facility dentist, the facility Registered Nurse, the DJJ Dentist, the Quality Assurance Branch, and the Medical Director or designee.